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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU

REF: MOGADISCIO 1812

1. KNOWING PERMISSION HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR ME TO TRAVEL TO GENALE ON DEC 28, ADDOU ASKED IF HE COULD SEE ME AT THE RESIDENCE ON SAT DEC 27 NOTING THAT HE HAD SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SAY.

2. ADDOU TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SPENT ANOTHER 2 AND 1/2 HOURS WITH SIAD FOLLOWING OUR DEC 24 MEETING. SIAD HAD QUESTIONED HIM IN DETAIL ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S VARIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN WHICH THE AMBASSADOR APPEARED TO PORTRAY SOMALIA AS BEING AN APPENDAGE OF THE USSR. WITHOUT GOING INTO A DETAILED SUMMARY OF THIS PART OF OUR CONVERSATION, ADDOU PLEADED FOR RESTRAINT AMONG SENIOR US OFFICIALS, STATING THAT SIAD WAS CONCERNED ONCE AGAIN THAT A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL APPEARS TO BE UNAWARE OF HIS OCT 1974 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS CONTENTS OF HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD. ADDOU SAID THAT SIAD IS UNDER CONTINUING HEAVY PRESSURE FROM RADICALS IN THE SRC WHO USE SUCH STATEMENTS TO IMPRESS SIAD THAT US SOMALIA POLICY WHILE MANY FACETED IS ORIENTED PRIMARILY TO PROVE THAT THE GSDR IS NOTHING MORE THAN A HAND-MAIDEN OF SOVIET MILITARY POLICY IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY THE HORN.

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3. ADDOU REPORTED THAT SIAD KNOWS HOW TO SEPARATE FACTS FROM UNBALANCED AMERICAN PRESS REPORTING ON SOMALIA, BUT NEVERTHELESS THE PRESIDENT IS MOST SENSITIVE ON AN ISSUE WHICH CAUSES HIM PROBLEMS WITH CERTAIN SRC ELEMENTS. ADDOU WAS RELUCTANT TO IDENTIFY THOSE SRC MEMBER(S) WHO ARE TOTALLY IN THE USSR CAMP; HE DID HOWEVER ONCE AGAIN (REFTEL) CHARACTERIZE THE USSR POSITION HERE AS BEING QTE ON THE FENCE UNQTE AND THAT WITH PATIENCE, FORESIGHT AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES 1976 WOULD SEE SOMALI ADOPTING AN INCREASING OPEN-DOOR-POLICY TO THE WEST. I ASKED ADDOU TO ELABORATE.

4. INVESTMENT - ADDOU SAID THAT SOMALIA'S CODE WILL NOT BE CHANGED AND IS STILL DESIGNED TO ATTRACT INVESTORS. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH WESTINGHOUSE OFFICIALS TRYING TO INTEREST THEM IN URANIUM EXTRACTIN: AND WITH UNITED BRANDS, ALERTING IT TO BANANA AND GRAPEFRUIT PLANTATIONS POSSIBILITIES. ADDOU ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD HELD PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH QTE FRIENDS UNQTE IN KUWAIT ON HIS WAY TO MOGADISCIO (HE WILL ALSO RETURN TO WASHINGTON VIA KUWAIT AND ROME) AND FORESAW POSSIBILITIES OF ARAB MONEY UTILIZING WESTERN TECHNOLOGY FOR PROFITABLE VENTURES IN SOMALIA.

5. I INTERJECTED TO POINT OUT THAT THE RECENT NATIONALIZATION OF AUTOMOBILE AGENCIES, CLOTHING IMPORTERS, SPARE PARTS COMPANIES APPEARED THAT GSDR POLICIES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT WERE UNDERGOING CHANGE. I NOTED ALSO THAT AN EGYPTIAN COTTON GROWING JOINT VENTURE APPEARED TO BE STALLED DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF FOREIGN MANAGERS WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR COMPETENCE AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE RULES OF SOMALIA'S INVESTMENT CODE. ADDOU UNAWARE OF THE LATTER, EXPLAINED THAT FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS OF AUTOS, TRUCKS, AND SPARE PARTS WERE STILL EARNING FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND THAT GSDR NATIONALIZATION (FOR WHICH COMPENSATION WILL BE MADE) ACCOMPLISHED WHAT THESE ENTREPRENEURS HAD FAILED TO DO SINCE 1969, I.E., ACCELERATE SOMALIZATION.

6. I TOLD ADDOU THAT I HAVE TRIED CONTINUALLY TO SPEAK DIRECTLY (OR THROUGH EMBASSY OFFICERS) WITH RESPONSIBLE GSDR OFFICIALS ON WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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UNFORTUNATELY AND WHILE THE PRESIDENT'S DOOR IS OPEN TO ME (VP CULMIE, TO A LESSER EXTENT) OTHER AVENUES OF COMMUNICATION REMAIN SEALED BY THE NSS. ADDOU PLEADED FOR PATIENCE AND CONTINUING EFFORTS ON MY PART TO TRY TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN GSDR MINISTRIES. I SAID THAT SINCE HE HAD BEEN SO EFFECTIVE IN OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR ME TO VISIT GENALE (A DELIGHTFUL DEC 28 VISITING BANANA PLANTATIONS) PERHAPS HE COULD ALSO PERSUADE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN

SOMALIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES TO UNLOCK THE DOORS.  
HIS COMMENT: PATIENCE.

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7. ADDOU THEN BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES. SIAD TOLD HIM THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD INVITE SENIOR MINISTERS TO VISIT US IN 1976 AND HE (SIAD) WOULD ASSURE ACCEPTANCE.

8. ADDOU BROACHED SUBJECT OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TWENTY SOMALI STUDENTS STUDYING IN US. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY BY NAME OR UNIVERSITY, HE DID KNOW THAT THEY WERE WITHOUT FUNDS TO COMPLETE THEIR DEGREES. HE HOPED THAT WITH EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WE COULD PICK UP TUITION AND BOARD FEES AND HELP THEM TO GO ON TO GRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMS. I TOLD ADDOU WE WOULD REVIEW THIS: MEANWHILE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE STUDENTS' NAMES AND UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES WHERE ENROLLED.

9. ADDOU SAID WE COULD EXPECT CONGRESSMAN ROBER L.F. SIKES (APPROPRIATIONS & CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION) TO VISIT MOGADISCIO IN JANUARY BEFORE CONGRESS RECONVENES.

10. ADDOU SAID THAT SIAD HAD ASKED HIM TO GO SLOW ON A SHIP VISIT AT THIS TIME.

COMMENTS: NO ONE SERIOUSLY DOUBTS ADDOU'S PERSONAL DESIRES  
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TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. THAT THERE ARE HARDLINERS IN THE SRC WHO MAY BE TRYING TO INHIBIT SIAD'S OWN HOPES OF IMPROVING RELATIONS HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED. NEVERTHELESS IT SEEMS THAT THIS GENTLE SOMALI SOUL IS LIVING IN A DREAM WORLD. AT THE MOMENT WE DO NOT SEE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN SOMALIA'S POLITICAL ORIENTATION. ALSO, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY MOVE FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL COMPOUND TO TONE DOWN SOMALIA'S CONTROLLED PRESS, PUBLIC STATEMENTS, ETC. THE EXTENT OF ANY INNER SRC GROUP MORE AMENABLE THAN SIAD HIMSELF TO USSR BLANDISHMENTS IS MUCH LESS CLEAR. FROM OUR OPTIC, WHILE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY -- ALWAYS TIGHT -- MAY HAVE INCREASED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS SIAD NEVERTHELESS STILL TRAVELS WIDELY IN-COUNTRY AND RARELY MISSES OPPORTUNITIES TO BE SEEN BY AND WITH THE PUBLIC.

DEPT ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP CONGRESSMAN SIKE'S PLANS VISIT SOMALIA.  
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